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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Death of Atom Spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg

The People Who Lived BEFORE ADAM

By Evangelist John Linton
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Before I tell you about these people who lived here on earth before Adam, let me admit that several statements in Genesis have led some to think that there were other humans on earth when Adam and Eve were created.

We read that "Cain went out... into the land of Nod... and Cain knew his wife" (Gen. 4:16). This, they tell us, presupposes people living in the land of Nod when Cain went there.

Again we read, "Every one that findeth me shall slay me" (Gen. 4:14). This suggests a number of people living on earth when we might expect only Adam, Eve, and Cain.

But let me say that if the divine record is true, Adam and Eve were the first human pair. Scripture says, "The first man Adam was made a living soul" (I Cor. 15:45). According to this plain statement, the first man made was Adam.

It is a simple thing to show that if Adam and Eve had daughters as well as sons born to them, then through the intermarriage of the children of Adam, there could have been other people on earth by the time Cain went into the land of Nod. And Scripture plainly declares that daughters as well as sons were born to Adam and Eve. "And he begat sons and daughters" (Gen. 5:4).

Now we are not told when these daughters were born. It could have been before or between the birth of the sons. The Bible does not say. It is not the custom in Scripture for the birth of daughters to be recorded. The Bible takes little or no cognizance of the birth of women in a genealogy. I learned this fact in Scotland when I was a lad. Our Bible class teacher offered a new suit of clothes to the first boy who discovered the name of King David's mother. That new suit looked good to me and I searched all through the books of Samuel, Chronicles, and Kings, hunting on every page for a new suit of clothes, and I haven't found it yet! Of course that teacher was a Scot. He knew that Scripture seldom records the birth of women. The record in Genesis clearly states that daughters were born to Adam and it was inevitable that intermarriage would take place until the number of women increased.

But while there were no humans before Adam, the Bible speaks of people who lived on earth before man. "There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer" (Prov. 30:24,25).

The Scriptures here call the ants a people—not a strong but a wise people. In the order of creation, the ants were created before mankind. So the ants lived on the earth before Adam.

Now if anyone is disappointed because I am not going to indulge in some speculative fancy about pre-Adamic man, let me ask you what it is, even in some good Christian people, that makes them prefer speculative, conjectural preaching, to sermons on the plain practical matters of life? Give some people a discourse on "The Symbolic Significance of the

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Faith

By Rev. A. B. Earle, D.D.

"Have faith in God."—Mark 11:22.

Faith is a persuasion of the mind, resting upon evidence. Faith must have a basis to rest upon; we cannot have faith in the absence of evidence. God never asks any one to believe anything without furnishing a basis for that belief. Does He ask us to believe in His own existence? He opens the great volume of nature, and bids us look up. Does He require us to receive the Scriptures as divinely inspired? They bear in themselves the evidence of their divine origin. Does He bid us come to Him in prayer? He furnishes us with daily answers to prayer.

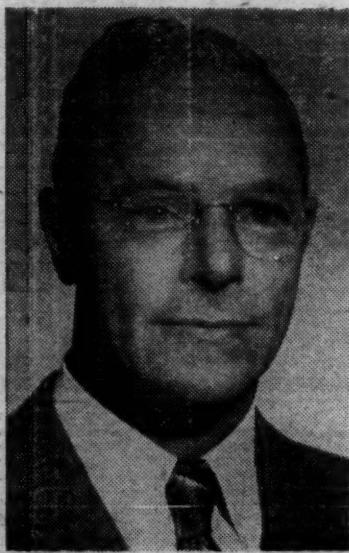
Some persons have faith in appearances; that is, they believe they are going to have a revival of religion because there is a general solemnity and seriousness in the community. This is not faith in God, but in appearances. Withdraw these indications, and faith has nothing to rest upon. To true faith in God the darkness and the light are both alike.

We hear others say they have faith to believe they would have a glorious revival could they secure the labors of a favorite minister. This is faith in a minister or measure—not in God. Get your

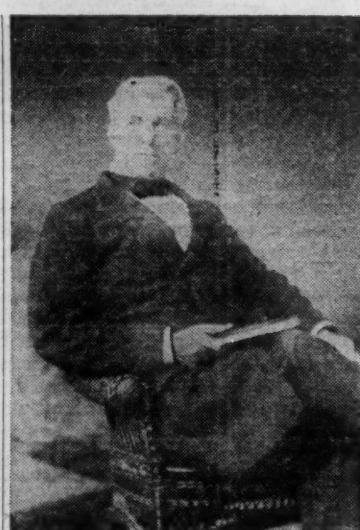
minister, if in your judgment he would do you good, but let your faith anchor in God and His promises.

As faith must have a basis to rest upon, let us see what ground we have to expect an immediate

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Dr. John Linton



Dr. A. B. Earle



INTERNATIONAL
Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, atom spies, electrocuted June 19

By Evangelist John R. Rice

(SERMON PREACHED AT SWORD CONFERENCE ON REVIVAL AND SOUL WINNING, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, JUNE 22, 1953, MECHANICALLY RECORDED FOR THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

On Friday night just before the Jewish Sabbath began, Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel, went to the electric chair in Sing Sing Prison as traitors and as spies who had stolen the secret of the atom bomb, had forwarded a crude picture and written description to Russia so that Russia got the atom bomb also and soon they had perfected it. Many good students believe these traitors allowed the Korean War and that our enemies dared risk it because they also had the atomic bomb secret, given by these American traitors, Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel.

A number of Scriptures I will use tonight but first to the facts in the case. This thing started in February two years ago. Soon the Rosenbergs were accused of espionage and treason against the United States and were arrested. They were tried, were proven guilty of treason, and were given the death sentence. Let no one say there is anti-Semitism back of it. Let nobody say this is Jew-hate; for Judge Kaufman, who pronounced the death penalty, was himself a Jew. The prosecuting attorney, who pushed the case for the government, was likewise a Jew. This is a matter of honest government, a matter of trial by law by a good American jury of eleven men and one woman, Jews and Gentiles, and it is a matter of good citizenship and of good morality.

Then the case hung fire for two years. Twelve different appeals were made. It went through the New York Courts; the District court, the Court of Appeals and finally the Supreme Court of the United States. There it was

brought up again and again for reconsideration. At last they finally refused to interfere further and moved to discharge the stay of execution of the law. So Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, these traitors against America, were electrocuted. They were murderers, I think, because they are probably guilty of the death of most of those killed in the Korean War. There probably would have been no Korean War had Russia not been prepared with the atomic bomb secrets and thought she had a fair chance if war should come. As a result of it, I am saying that these people who were murderers have gone to the death.

But the shocking thing is that when these people went to the electric chair, guilty of the grossest, most outrageous sin as proven in court and after two years of all the safeguards and processes of law that any American citizen can ever hope to have or believe was right, were still condemned to die, lots of people said it was

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Unanswered Yet --

Unanswered yet the prayer your lips have pleaded
In agony of heart these many years?
Does faith begin to fail? Is hope departing?
And think you all in vain those falling tears?
Say not the Father hath not heard your prayer;
You shall have your desire sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Nay do not say ungranted;
Perhaps your work is not yet wholly done.
The work began when first your prayer was uttered,
And God will finish what He has begun.
If you will keep the incense burning there,
His glory you shall see sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered,
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock;
Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted,
Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock.
She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer,
And cries, "It shall be done"—sometime, somewhere.

—MISS OPHELIA G. BROWNING

All About the BIBLE



Its Origin, Its Language, Its Translation, Its Canon, Its Symbols, Its Inspiration, Its Alleged Errors and Contradictions, Its Plan, Its Science, Its Rivals

Chapter 7, Continued

Inspiration on Difficult Passages

By Sidney Collett

But I can now imagine I hear my reader saying, All this sounds very well as an argument: but, after all, theory and fact are often two very different things: for, while on the one hand, the case for verbal inspiration seems clear enough theoretically, nevertheless, on the other hand, there are passages sometimes brought before one which seem incapable of reconciliation with other parts of Scripture, and therefore appear to make such a theory altogether false.

This is perfectly sound reasoning. We will therefore look at some of the principal difficulties which are held up to us in proof that the Bible is not verbally inspired, and see for ourselves what there is in this argument.

Jonah and the Whale

This story furnishes one of the most popular objections to the inspiration of the Bible.

It is strange, however, that those who take exception to this story invariably argue from the weakest possible standpoint—viz., that it is incredible that a whale should swallow a man, inasmuch as “science will not hear of a whale with a gullet capable of admitting anything larger than a man’s fist”; so said a popular M.P. recently; whereas, as a matter of fact, events far more miraculous than that are related in the book of Jonah, which the critic and the infidel appear to entirely overlook. The only reason that can be assigned for this extraordinary fact is that, generally speaking, this, like most other objections to the Bible, is second-hand—from hearsay—and is not a genuine heart or intellectual difficulty which has been personally encountered in an honest search after truth.

For example, if we are to eliminate the miraculous from the book of Jonah, I want to know:

1. How the word of the Lord came to Jonah (chap. I vs. 1)?

2. If God is everywhere, how could Jonah flee from the presence of the Lord (1:3)?

3. How did Jonah know that it was the Lord who had sent out a great wind into the sea (1:4)?

4. How did it come about that the sea did “cease from her raging” (1:15) when Jonah was thrown into it?

But one might multiply such questions.

Now, the remarkable thing is that the Bible nowhere really states that Jonah was swallowed by a whale! This may sound strange, but it is nevertheless true. The word translated “whale” in Matt. 12:40 really means a great fish, and should be so translated. If the objectors would only carefully read the book of Jonah for themselves (instead of reading infidel books about it), they would find it very clearly stated that “the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah” (1:17), just as in chapter 4:6 “the Lord God prepared a gourd,” and in the following verse, “God prepared a worm,” and in the next verse, again, “God prepared a vehement east wind.” Therefore, the same Almighty Creator who prepared the gourd, the worm, and the east wind for the special purpose of teaching Jonah a lesson, could as easily prepare a great fish—not only to swallow His servant, but also to keep him alive in his belly for three days and three nights (chap. 1:17).

But the Hebrew word translated “prepared” does not necessarily mean that God made a specially big fish for the purpose; it may equally well mean that God so ordered things that the fish was there on the spot when Jonah was thrown into the sea, just as on another occasion the Lord ordained that a certain fish, with a coin in its mouth, should be there ready when Peter cast an hook into the sea (Matt. 17:27).

At the same time, the strong probability is that this fish was, after all, nothing more nor less than a whale.

Any one who has read Frank Bullen’s *Cruise of the Cachalot* will have some idea of the size

THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

Do you pray for THE SWORD OF THE LORD? Thousands of people have promised to pray for this editor daily. Will you join them? Surely no Christian worker more greatly needs the prayers of God’s people. Please ask God to give me courage, to keep a passion for souls, to keep me filled with the Holy Spirit, to give me wisdom, to help me to stand true. You can greatly help by prayer. Will you make this a matter of daily request to God?

Eight Happy Days With Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Allentown, Pa.

The editor has just returned from Allentown, Pennsylvania where he was the evangelist in the camp meeting at Mizpah Grove, with the Mennonite Brethren in Christ. These people are fundamental in doctrine, brotherly and spiritual. There were some 250 or 270 tents in use on the grounds, I believe. The large steel tabernacle, said to hold 1,800, which was reasonably full for other services, overflowed in the last Sunday night service with some sitting on camp stools and others standing. God gave 25 or 30 conversions and reclamations through the week and a real moving on the hearts of Christians. Only a few unconverted people were on the grounds but there were some remarkable conversions. Dr. Elmer Piper, evangelist, had charge of the music. It was spirit-filled music and the fellowship was blessed.

The Harvest Great But Laborers Few

Here at the Sword of the Lord office we realize the need which Jesus mentioned in Luke 10:2, “Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.” Will you pray that God will send us workers? The opportunities are tremendous. A full-time, permanent Christian worker at the Sword of the Lord office can have a definite part in stirring revival fires around the world, in coloring a whole generation for Christ, and winning hundreds and thousands of souls. We need, as soon as possible, three trained secretaries, a typist, a file clerk, an advertising salesman.

But this is the Lord’s work. We

and habits of that mighty sea-monster, the sperm whale. Mr. Bullen is an experienced whaler, and speaks of what he has actually seen. He tells in more places than one how they caught whales of “such gigantic proportions” as “over seventy feet long, with a breadth of bulk quite in proportion to such a vast length,” the head of which alone “the skipper himself estimated to weigh fifteen tons!”

And the idea of a whale’s gullet being incapable of admitting any large substance, Mr. Bullen characterizes as “a piece of crass ignorance.” He tells how on one occasion “a shark fifteen feet in length has been found in the stomach of a sperm whale,” and adds this remarkable piece of evidence, that when dying the sperm whale always ejected the contents of its stomach.” He tells of one full-grown whale which was caught and killed, “the ejected food from whose stomach was in masses of enormous size, larger than any we had yet seen on the voyage, some of them being estimated to be of the size of our hatch-house, viz., eight feet by six feet by six feet!” And yet we are asked to believe that a whale could not swallow a man!

He further describes these monsters, which are capable of swallowing substances of such enormous sizes, “swimming about with the lower jaw hanging down in its normal position, and its huge gullet gaping like some submarine cavern,” into which Jonah could

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Portugal Gets Half Million Pamphlets

\$1,100 Check to “Word of Life Publications” of Portugal Completes 500,000 Printing of “What Must I Do to Be Saved?” Booklets

By Viola Walden,
Secretary to Dr. John R. Rice

On August 2nd, Sword Free Literature Fund made out another check, this one for \$1,100, to “Word of Life Publications” our Missionary Literature Committee, in Portugal. This, along with a check of \$1,500.00 sent in January, enabled the committee to print 500,000 copies of Dr. John R. Rice’s booklet, “What Must I Do to Be Saved” in the Portuguese language. Rev. Samuel D. Faircloth, in a letter April 27th, said:

“You will rejoice with the news that souls are continually being won through the distribution of ‘What Must I Do to Be Saved?’ all over Portugal. Decisions are being followed up at present by local pastors of the various evangelical groups. One man recently converted in Lisbon told a worker there that he is carrying his tract (signed on the back in the place provided for decision) so that if he should die outside of his home those who find him will know that he is a believer. Several entire families have been saved of late as a result of the tract having been brought home.”

By printing 500,000 at one time, the committee of publications there were able to reduce the cost from \$3,500 to \$2,600—a saving of \$900. This is the third edition in Portuguese.

Thank God for the consistent help of many Sword of the Lord



The 24-page pamphlet WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? by Editor John R. Rice, in Portuguese.

readers, which help enables us to send this check and others. Two weeks ago a check was sent to Missionary Kenneth McVety in Tokyo, in the amount of \$2,000 for “What Must I Do to Be Saved?” in Japanese. Another check is promised them soon. Let us pray that as a result, thousands of souls may be won to Christ.

Other free literature needs are pressing. If God lays it on your heart to help, send your gifts—large or small—to Sword Free Literature Fund, 214 W. Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois. It will be used as carefully and thrifly as possible to get out the gospel.

worth of books on hand. Just now we ought to publish a number of other books.

If you would like to lend us money, we will be glad to pay 4% interest on long-term loans. Some good people have, through the years, lent money for this purpose, thousands of dollars, and have never lost a cent. Interest is paid semi-annually. We could use several thousand dollars now. For each loan we make out a Sword of the Lord Foundation note, signed by the president and treasurer, and sealed with the Foundation seal, promising to repay in one, three, or five years, as you may wish. Would you like to help get out the Gospel with your money and yet receive a good income from it? Write John R. Rice, Wheaton, Illinois.

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"...the word of the Lord... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall
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I. A Stand-Up Calendar of Offering Envelopes

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Address _____

II.

Some time ago in this column I noted a revival of spiritual religion experienced in one of our series of services in Jacksonville Baptist Church, New Brunswick, Canada. Rev. Paul W. Underwood is the very spiritual pastor. This is the church in which a goodly number of people came to know the Lord, and many others were reconsecrated in the name of the Lord. This is also the church in which we saw people, laymen, working in the congregation, during the invitation in a manner we have never seen excelled. During the revival the pastor and his wife lost a precious little girl. She was a fine young Christian and went home to be with the Lord.

Recently we received an appreciated letter from Pastor Underwood from which we quote as follows:

"Dear Brother McCall,

"We have received your letter of May 25th and certainly want

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have slipped so easily that the whale would scarcely have known it.

With such facts before us from a trustworthy eye-witness, we see that both the swallowing, and the vomiting up of Jonah by a sperm whale, are perfectly natural incidents.

One other word. It so happens that in the providence of God this particular incident, which for so long has been looked upon in many quarters as incredible, has thus been unquestionably verified to the letter, and largely on perfectly natural grounds. But let us not be misunderstood; the true believer in the Word of God has a more sure testimony than that of a human eye-witness. He is satisfied with the bare word of the Lord Jesus, who declared that "Jonah was three days and three nights in the great fish's belly" (Matt. 12:40), and I prefer to take the word of the Lord Jesus before all the scientific men who ever lived.

Moreover, by that extraordinary occurrence Jonah became one of the most remarkable types of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus to be found anywhere in the Old Testament Scriptures (Matt. 12:40). For "as Jonah was three days and three nights in the great fish's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Therefore, the one is as much a fact of history as the other.

The "Imprecatory Psalms"

We will now take a few specimens of what are called the Imprecatory Psalms, in which we are told we shall "find words spoken which would be very unfit for the lips of our Lord"; in which we may "detect traces of human prejudice and passion"; or where "the psalmist indignantly cries out against his oppressors," etc.

I quote these objections from a popular writer; (*How God Inspired the Bible*, J. Peterson Smyth.) and in order to test the question fairly, I select three of the most conspicuous instances which he himself cites in proof of his arguments.

Before, however, dealing with them in particular, there are two facts which should always be borne in mind in connection with these psalms.

1. In most cases, if not in all, while the tense in our English translation is in the imperative, making the language look like an imprecation pure and simple, the tense in the Hebrew is in the future—e.g., "it shall be," not "let it be," etc.—thus indicating that words contain prophetic warnings of the various kinds of judgment that would certainly one day fall upon the wicked—whether individuals or nations—unless, indeed, in Japan.

to express our heartfelt appreciation for that which was done on this field for God. There certainly have been many who have made the complete about-face for God.

"Four days after you wrote your letter we stopped in Chicago and called your home, however, we figure that you must have been in Wyoming about that time. Sorry we missed you.

"Later when we got home (a little more than a week ago) I found approximately 300 pieces of mail to be tended to. Needless to say, the surface hasn't been scratched.

"Let me say, never have I seen such a meeting with such results as are manifest here. Dr. Scotchie, we certainly thank the Lord that you came over to Jacksonville to help us."

III.

FOR CHRIST IN THE WEST

Flying out to Ada, Oklahoma, for a men's meeting, I was met at the airport by Pastor Jack Carroll, spiritual young pastor; Mr. Marvin Roseberry, capable president of the Men's Brotherhood (and a banker); and Mr. Charlie Roseberry, respected leader of the church.

Wednesday night was the big night when, with several hundred present, every member of the church (one does not often see that) responded to one phase of the invitation, and in fact, all but about eight present did it, too. Doxology! A lady shouted! Some cried! All rejoiced! There were other victories.

Mr. Butch Alton put a nice automobile in our hands to use in the meeting.

Dr. C. C. Morris, great preacher, put me every day on his two radio stations, KADA and another, the call letters I do not remember.

Pastor Jack Carroll represents the best in the younger ministers of today, and Dr. Morris represents the best in the older ministers of today. We thank God for great preacher brethren!

Flying back, we had some near excitement as an engine went out twenty minutes away from St. Louis. The other engine kept humming. Doxology again! It is great to be a Christian when one or both engines "go out."

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done, we read the whole psalm carefully through, we shall see that this was no mere outburst of human passion, but a divinely inspired forecast of the righteous judgment of God—not upon David's personal enemies merely or chiefly, but upon those who "in heart work wickedness" (vs. 2).
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Sixth World Congress On Evangelism Meets in Tokyo

by Rev. Walter E. Handford, Manager Sword of the Lord Publ.

"Word of Life Press
Tokyo, Japan
July 25, 1953

"Dear Brother Rice:
"Warmest greetings, in our Saviour's all-glorious Name!"

"Thank you for your letter of July 17, and for your cheque for \$2,000 which we received this morning. We are enclosing our receipt for this amount. We will be happy indeed to apply these funds as you have requested, to be a special printing of your booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" for use in the Youth for Christ World Congress. May God greatly use these booklets for His own glory."

"We have carefully checked current paper prices in Japan, and find that the new edition of your booklet will cost approximately \$5.45 per thousand. Our printer is already at work on an edition of 500,000 copies with the World-Congress imprint on the cover and their special information for follow-up on the back pages. We checked these details with the brethren of Youth for Christ several days ago.

"If at all possible, I would recommend that you do everything possible to provide further funds for this special good use. Rev. Wolgemuth still is confident that they can effectively use over a million copies, and I feel that if a full million is not possible they should have at least 800,000 copies. It will be rather difficult for us to have this quantity printed in time, but we will do everything possible to rush the order on any quantity you are able to provide for. To print these quantities, we will need an additional \$2,000 to \$3,000.

"The last printing of your booklet has already been exhausted. We made no special efforts to inform missionaries that this printing was available, but there has been a very steady demand for the booklets. At the time the printing was done last Spring, we were holding a backlog of almost 200,000 copies. I will give you further information about the good response to this printing in a later letter.

"Yours, rejoicing in Revival blessing,
Kenneth G. McVety"

By faith we have sent another \$2,000 to Brother McVety. Although all of the money was not in hand we knew you would not want us to ignore this urgent demand for one million copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

All of us sent our tax dollars to Japan with our soldiers in World War II. Here is a wonderful opportunity to send our missionary dollars to reach the Japanese with the message of life instead of death. Won't you help in this intensive effort to reach Japan with the gospel? Please address your gifts to Free Literature Fund, Sword of the Lord Foundation, Wheaton, Illinois. Receipts will be promptly sent for all gifts of one dollar or more.



Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

EVANGELIST TOM DILLON has recently held two revival campaigns in Kentucky. In the Brooks Baptist Church, Brooks, where Rev. Alvin D. Bozard is pastor, 35 people were saved and baptized. The pastor was in charge of the song leading and youth work. Rev. R. B. Hines, pastor of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, says: ". . . The Lord sent His Holy Spirit mightily upon us giving 22 professions of faith, and 22 rededications. . ."

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EVANGELIST DEL FEHSEN-

FELD, 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City, Missouri, receives a fine word of commendation from Rev. J. Hoyett Lemmon, pastor, Oakridge Baptist Church, Marietta, Texas. ". . . This was the second time Brother Fehsenfeld had been with our church in less than a year and this meeting far exceeded the first. Our people were moved and brought under great conviction of sin under the annotated preaching of this Spirit-filled man of God. Numbers were saved, saints revived, and people's spirits sweetened. . ."



Mrs. Viola Likes, 82, of Clarkston, Washington went up for her very first airplane ride on August 1st at the close of a two-week evangelistic campaign at the 50-year old First Baptist Church of Clarkston, Washington. Rev. Arthur Houk, pastor of the church, said, "Mrs. Likes has been a member of the church for 44 years, and she has been saved 61 years." The evangelistic team of Eddie Wagner, evangelist, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and James Stoughtenborough, song leader of Maroa, Illinois, gave a free airplane ride to the two people who brought the most new persons to the nightly meetings. James Stoughtenborough is a licensed pilot and was first president of "The Flying Farmers" of Macon County, Illinois. Rev. Houk stated, "The Lord greatly used the evangelistic team and gave our church a real revival as well as souls saved."

Left to right: James Stoughtenborough, Mrs. Viola Likes, Rev. Arthur Houk. Evangelist Eddie Wagner.

Will You Be One Of 2,690?

By Editor John R. Rice

Out of faith, prayer, and consecration, we have felt the clear call of God to increase the circulation of THE SWORD OF THE LORD to 200,000 paid subscriptions by the twentieth anniversary, September 28, 1954. The only way we can thus double the circulation of THE SWORD is for some hundreds and thousands of Christian people to join in, take a burden for the work, take a definite quota, and help us get the subscriptions. We want people who will either enlist others to subscribe, or get churches or other Christian groups to subscribe for the families in the membership, or people who will pay for the subscriptions of others. We are asking that 2,690 people assume a definite quota, and dedicate themselves to God and to the holy task of sending in that quota of subscriptions, new and renewal, by September 28, 1954. Some will send 1,000 subscriptions. Some will send as few as 25. The largest single number probably will each send 100 subscriptions or more.

To everybody who will solemnly agree, by God's help, to under-

take to send in 25 or more subscriptions, new or renewal, within this next thirteen month period, we will allow a special subscription price, we will furnish sample copies, will give counsel and help from time to time. Will you, for Jesus' sake, be one of the 2,690? What you do, do for Jesus' sake. The work should begin soon. For everyone who accepts a quota and sets out to send in subscriptions, on either of the plans outlined in the coupon below, we will send the instructions and help.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). This task, this God-given task, of stirring revival fires around the world, of defending the faith, of winning souls, of promoting evangelism, of bringing revival into the homes and churches, is as much your job as ours. Will you help us carry this load? The opportunities are tremendous, the rewards will be glorious. God is with us. Will you help? Then pray for wisdom, select a quota which God will put on your heart, then sign the coupon below and mail it at once!

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John Temple Graves

Discusses Oxnam

John Temple Graves is a columnist on the *Birmingham Post-Herald*. The illustrious elder John Temple Graves, thirty years ago, spoke for me on a lyceum program at Wayland College. The night's lecture enthralled me, though it cost me \$150, the fee for the famous man charged by the Lyceum Bureau. The students and townspeople did not know of him, and I had to make back the money on much less expensive musical teams.

But columnist John Temple Graves in Birmingham, Alabama, has a gift. The following he says about Bishop Oxnam:

"The last man in the world entitled to object to congressional probes of religious people is Bishop Oxnam. He has led churchmen into so many highways and byways of politics and economics, committed God on so many matters on which he has no right to commit God, implied so often that the angels have left wings only—that he has mixed church and state completely and deserves the consequences."

"As a man of conscience, however, let's hope he refrains from lionizing McCarthy's man Matthews by accusing him incorrectly of an 'attack on Protestantism' as our Lister does. Matthews accused only a comparatively small number of Protestant clergy, spoke admiringly and reverently of the rest."

"In view of President Eisenhower's own too-hasty words on this, the political temptation to say Matthews accused all the clergy is very great, but a bishop should be able to resist sin and temptation with greatest of ease."

dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished . . . Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children."

Again, in Rev. 18: (which deals solely with Babylon's doom) we find an almost exact repetition of the passage complained of in (Continued on page 5)

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who "speak lies" (vs. 3), who deliberately stop their ear to every entreaty (vs. 4), so that they "will not hearken" (vs. 5). It is of these that the inspired psalmist writes, "Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth" (vs. 6), and thus render them incapable of further cruelty. Language which, on the face of it, is figurative, and is borrowed from the lion's habit of tearing its prey with its great teeth.

The underlying truth, however, is confirmed by Psalm 3:7, where we are told that it is the *ungodly* whose teeth are broken, whether they be found amongst David's enemies or not. And surely this is but a faint forecast of more awful words that fell from the lips of David's Lord, when He said that the end of those who offend and do iniquity would be "wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:42).

Moreover, by comparing the first and last verses of this 58th Psalm, we find what seems to be the real point of the whole psalm—viz. that while there is no upright judgment among the sons of men (vs. 1), which frequently allows the ungodly to prosper in the world (Ps. 73:12), God's dealings with men, however mysterious they may seem to be now, will one day be acknowledged to be so just that all men shall say, "Verily there is a reward for the righteous, verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth" (vs. 11)—this, again, being a kind of dim foreshadowing of the great Hallelujah chorus which shall break forth from the lips of the Redeemed when earth shall have been forever delivered from man's unrighteous rule:—"True and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand . . . Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. 19:2-6). Then all will acknowledge that "the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things" (Rom. 2:2).

It should, however, be remembered that Babylon and Jerusalem seem to stand in the word of God as typical of two great forces unalterably and eternally opposed to each other—one being the embodiment of evil doomed to destruction, and the other of good destined to enjoy the light of God's presence for ever (see Rev. 18 and 21).

Moreover, from other parts of Scripture it is quite clear that this is no mere vindictive cry, but is a divine and literal, though awful, forecast of the doom of that city whose "sins had reached unto heaven" (Rev. 18:5), and whose judgment is also foretold in almost identical language with that of Psalm 137:9, but with even more appalling detail, in Isa. 13:16 and 18: "Their children also shall be

Peter quotes a part of verse 8 in connection with the traitor.

(b) What if the children of Judas were wicked like their father? Was it not just that they should suffer also?

(c) I should like to know what the critics, who tell us that these are merely words of "human prejudice and passion," have to say of Acts 1:16, where we read that it was "the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas?"

Surely we should hesitate before handling these solemn prophecies with such loose, careless, and irreverent hands!

3. Psalm 137:8 and 9: "O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed, happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones."

In the first place, in citing this as an argument against inspiration, as being impossible to be the "words of the loving God," I notice the writer above referred to only quotes parts of this passage, as follows: "O daughter of Babylon, happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones"; omitting the most important words, which largely explain why so dreadful a doom is pronounced against Babylon,—viz., because of the way they had served God's people—"As thou hast served us"—in which we notice an unmistakable reference to the old warning, "Cursed is he that curseth thee" (Gen. 27:29; Num. 24:9), and which is in perfect keeping with the inexorable law of God, which surely applies to nations as well as to men, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

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Jonah Flees from the Presence
of the Lord

Noteworthy NEWS Notes



Dr. Joseph Free to Lead Palestine Trip in 1954

Plans for the Eighth Wheaton College Bible Lands Cruise have been announced by Dr. Joseph Free, Professor of Archaeology at Wheaton College. The group will sail from New York the middle of February, 1954, and visit the Bible lands of the Mediterranean area. Every spring Dr. and Mrs. Free and staff of teachers and students are carrying on the archaeological excavation of the ancient buried city of Dothan (Genesis 37:17), 60 miles north of Jerusalem. Prior to the excavation, they conduct the Bible lands tour to Palestine in February and March. The trip lasts six weeks and is open to Christian people of all ages throughout the country. For further information and reservation write Dr. Free at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

A Travel Service in Miami for Missionaries

A Christian center to benefit missionaries was recently opened by the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Wagler, Box 944, Airport P. O., Miami 48, Fla. Accommodations are offered missionaries at nominal cost besides travel assistance.

For years Mr. Wagler was director of Southern Highland Evangel, and is still a member of the Advisory Council. It numbers sixty persons, and home mission work is carried on in Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia. Partly for health reasons, the change was made and new work begun.

With more departures overseas from Miami than any other U. S. airport, such a travel center meets a pressing need. A purchasing service for missionaries in Latin America is another phase of the new work, which carries the name "Serving Missions Overseas." The cable address is: SERMISO, Miami, Fla., and telephone number 92203.

National Sunday School Association to Hold Conference August 30 to September 7

The National Sunday School Association will hold their two conferences this year at Cedar Lake, Indiana. August 30 to September 4 will be for all Sunday

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Ps. 137:8, for Rev. 18:6 reads, "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works"; while the words, "Happy shall he be," etc., which are so objected to, find their counterpart in Rev. 18:20: "Rejoice over her, thou heavens, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her."

Surely as we read all these passages together we must acknowledge that, whatever may have been in the minds of the writers there was One behind them all who, seeing the end from the beginning, inspired them to write these dark and dreadful prophecies, many of which are already fulfilled, for the literal Babylon has long since been destroyed.

Nor are these isolated cases for God's instructions to King Saul in I Samuel 15:3 are very similar: "Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and sucking, ox and sheep, camel and ass."

And for failing to carry out this awful command in every detail Saul was rejected, dethroned, became a ruined man (I Sam. 15:26), and very nearly ruined his people. For in the days of Ahasuerus—the Xerxes of history—the whole Jewish race was threatened with extermination by a descendant of one of the survivors of those very Amalekites—"Haman the Agagite" (Esther 3:10). Might we not in the very words of Psalm 137:10 say, Happy had Saul been if he had "slayed utterly" as God commanded him.

There are yet other passages which show beyond all question that, however much some expressions in the Psalms may seem to our shortsighted vision to be limited in their application to some local event or personal consideration, the real truth is that David was a prophet, and as such he wrote.

Acts 2:25-32 tells how Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost—and therefore not likely to make a mistake—quotes from Psalm 16:10, where David says, "Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell." Surely that looks like a purely personal reference, if anything does; and yet Peter tells us distinctly that he was not speaking of himself at all, but, being a prophet, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in Hell.

Therefore, in reading the most difficult passages in the Psalms, the true import of which we may be unable perhaps fully to com-

prehend, let us quiet any doubts which may arise in the mind by saying to ourselves, "He being a prophet."

Again in II Samuel 23:1 and 2 we have a twofold testimony to the inspiration of the Psalms from which there can be no possible appeal.

Here, David himself contemplating all the psalms that he had written, and apparently anticipating with prophetic vision that objection would be taken to some of them, solemnly declared with his last words—which are worth more than all the arguments of the critics—that neither the spirit nor the words of his writings were his own, but that both were the Lord's: "These be the last [inspired] words of David . . . The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue."

But this passage contains an even more remarkable testimony still, which, however, is unfortunately obscured in our translation, for the literal reading of II Samuel 23:1 as Bishop Wordsworth shows, is, "These be the last [inspired] words of David—not 'the sweet psalmist of Israel,' but—'who is acceptable [to God] in the psalms of Israel.' If, therefore, these psalms are acceptable to God, what is man that he should raise any objection?

If, however, in spite of the foregoing any should still harbour the irreverent thought that in any of these cases Almighty God has shown Himself less merciful than mortal men, let me remind such that they are face to face with the following solemn challenges, which demand definite and categorical answers; viz.—

"Who art thou that repliest against God?" (Rom. 9:20).

"Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked?" (Job 18).

"Shall mortal man be more just than God?" (Job 17).

"Doth the Almighty pervert justice?" (Job 8:3).

"Is there unrighteousness with God?" (Rom. 9:14).

"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (Gen. 18:25).

Moreover, the following three points are commended for serious consideration:

1. In cases where adults were ordered to be slain, judgment was no doubt largely mingled with much mercy; for the probability is that the Babylonians, for instance, like the Canaanites, were so hopelessly wicked, that had they been spared longer they would doubtless have sinned yet more, and so would ultimately have incurred an even more ter-

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A Heathen King Helps God

The night was hot and Augustus Caesar couldn't sleep. He tossed and turned and kicked the covers off. Finally he gave up trying to sleep and went out onto the roof overlooking the city of Rome. In the courtyard below the palace guards paced back and forth.

It had not only been the heat that made Augustus lie awake. His treasurer of the huge Roman Empire had brought bad news during the day. The cost of feeding the large army and navy and paying the salaries of all the officials in the great empire was quickly taking all the money they had in the treasury.

So Augustus planned and schemed that hot night about what he would do to get the money they needed. Finally, he decided upon a plan. He would send out a decree or a command that all the citizens of his empire should be taxed. At last, he had a way to get the money his empire needed. Augustus went back to bed and soon dropped off to sleep. His plan was to make everyone go back to the town where he was born and register to be taxed. Little did this heathen emperor realize that his decision would make it so the Bible prophecy about Jesus' birth would come true.

The next day the decree that all the world should be taxed was sent out by letter to the whole empire. Soon messengers or heralds went up and down the streets of all the towns and villages crying, "All the world is to be taxed. The emperor, Augustus Caesar, has decreed that every man must return to the town where he was born and register to be taxed."

In the little town of Nazareth in northern Palestine a carpenter named Joseph heard this announcement. He was very troubled in his heart for it meant that he and Mary, his espoused wife, must go about 75 miles down to Bethlehem to register. Now Mary by a miracle of God was going to have a baby and it was nearly time for the baby to be born. Joseph knew the trip would be hard for Mary, but he knew he couldn't disobey the emperor.

Possibly he and Mary talked things over together that night. Mary knew the trip would be very difficult, but she probably reminded Joseph, "Well, God will take care of me, Joseph. He has promised that I am going to have a baby boy who is to be the Saviour. God even did a miracle so that He is the father of my baby. He will not fail us now." Mary may even have remembered that in the Bible, Micah 5:2 plainly said that Jesus must be born in Bethlehem.

So they set out by donkey on the long journey to Bethlehem. It probably took them several days to reach Bethlehem and Mary was very tired. I imagine Joseph remembered many happy things that had happened when he was growing up in Nazareth. There was the stream where he and the other boys played. Maybe he saw a large tree that he had loved to climb.

As Joseph and Mary came to the inn (we would call it a hotel) the man came to the door and told them, "I'm sorry, but we don't have any more room. All of

rible doom; see Ecclesiastes 8:11. "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

Their destruction was merciful also toward society in general in thus being delivered from such wicked persons; even as we should feel justly relieved on hearing that a band of murderers which had

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Sword Book Club Judge Goes to be With the Lord

Dr. Henry Hepburn, 80, a dear friend of the editor and of the work of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, passed away at Winona Lake, Indiana, on Saturday August 1. Services were held

Thursday, August 6, in Buena Memorial Presbyterian church, where he served as pastor from 1908 until 1946. During his pastorate a number of famous ministers were members of his

church as students, including Dr. Wilbur M. Smith of Fuller Seminary; Dr. Oswald J. Smith, famous missionary leader of Toronto (no relation) and others.

Dr. Hepburn, a native of Hopkins, Missouri, was an alumnus of Park College, Parkville, Missouri, and McCormick Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1902 in Monett, Missouri, as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church there. From 1905 until 1908 he served the First Presbyterian Church of Aurora, Illinois.

Dr. Hepburn was a Sword Book Club judge from 1945 until his death.

He is survived by a son and three sisters.

"... absent from the body ... present with the Lord."

manger filled with fresh hay. Imagine, the Son of God being born in such a poor place with no lovely nursery like our mothers and daddies fixed for us.

That night there was no room in the inn for Mary and Joseph or for the baby Jesus. Even today lots of boys and girls and grown folks, too, don't have room in their hearts for Jesus. Maybe you haven't asked Jesus to come into your heart yet.

Out at my Sunday School a little girl came one Sunday with several pennies. Her mother had told her to give them to Jesus. When she got home she still had the pennies. Her mother asked, "Why didn't you put the pennies in the offering at Sunday School?" She replied, "Well, you told me

to give them to Jesus and He wasn't there this morning."

She didn't see Jesus that morning but He was there in the hearts of boys and girls who had asked Him to come in. Jesus was born and lived on this earth nineteen hundred years ago, but now He lives in the hearts of people who trust Him for salvation.

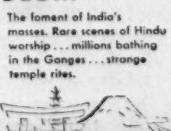
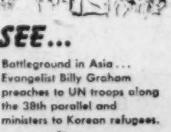
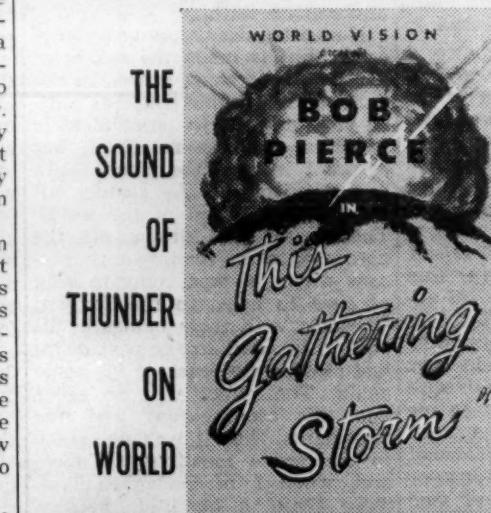
Right now you could ask Jesus to come into your heart and take away all your sins. He is standing right now at the door of your heart saying, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in..." (Rev. 3:20). Wouldn't you like to ask Him to come into your heart if you have never done it before?

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—D. R. DAVIES

Gift From the Sky

Mrs. Evi Rogers, who lives in the British island of Jamaica, was standing in her backyard recently on a bright, dry, sunny day when a wet and flopping fish dropped out of the clear sky.

Accepting the fish as a gift from heaven, she soon had it in a frying pan, but the miraculous delivery of a fresh fish near her back door became a mounting mystery throughout the island, as envious neighbors spread the story.

The explanation finally came from Pan American Airways officials who said the finny traveler had hitch-hiked on the New York bound Clipper, being caught in the acute angle formed by the after-supporting struts on the plane as it took off, wriggling free over Mrs. Rogers' backyard and scoring a near miss on her skillet.

—Popular Mechanics

WHEN THE "OUTLOOK" IS BAD, TRY THE "UPLOOK!"

"Stop Trying and . . ."

Composer Johannes Brahms startled friends one day with the announcement that he was going to stop composing music. "Why shouldn't I enjoy my old age?" he asked. "I'll not write another note." Several months passed and Brahms kept his promise. Then one evening a new masterpiece of his was played in public. A friend heard it and hurried to see the elderly composer. "I thought you weren't going to write any more music," he said.

"I wasn't," replied Brahms. "But after a few days' leisure I was so happy at the thought of not writing any more music it just came to me without effort!"

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Faith

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revival of religion, and souls to be converted to God, if we go on with this meeting, and preach, and pray, and exhort, and sing, and visit.

I. God Appointed These Means To Effect This End.

God, who cannot make a mistake and who knows all about the difficulties to be overcome in a dark, cold time, bids us go and preach, pray, exhort, and sing in simple faith, and He will bless.

No matter how dark, or cold, or dead—we are to look for an immediate outpouring of the Spirit, in the use of these means. I have come to believe that God means just what He says in His Word, and I expect an outpouring of the Spirit whenever and wherever the means are used in faith.

If God had told me to go into your graveyard and sing "Old Hundred" among the graves, and by this means the dead would be raised, I would come to one and another of you, and ask if you had any friends in that graveyard; and if so, to get ready to receive them—they were going to be raised. Perhaps you would ask me, "Can you raise the dead?" I should answer, "Not at all; but God has sent me to sing 'Old Hundred' among the graves, and says through this means He will raise the dead." I should expect to see the graves open and the dead come forth. My faith would not rest in any power of yours or mine, but in the fact that God appointed this means to effect this end.

Just so when Jesus says, "Go preach my word, and, lo! I am with you, and will pour out my Spirit upon you," we should expect Him to do it. I do expect it; I have not one fear but that we shall have a glorious result, if we use these means in faith in this place.

Moses had faith in God when he lifted the brazen serpent to the bitten Israelites; his faith was not in the piece of brass, nor in his own power to heal, but in the fact that God had appointed that piece of brass thereby to make His power known. As Moses lifted that piece of brass in the wilder-

ness, so much Jesus be lifted to the view of lost men.

We can have faith in God, in using these means, then, because He appointed them to effect this end.

II. Another Strong Ground for Faith in God, In Using These Means, To Expect an Immediate Revival, Is, that God's Heart and Hand Are In This Work.

God felt so deeply for the salvation of souls, before we cared anything about it, that He gave His own Son to die for them. God sees the end from the beginning, and tries no experiment—it has all necessary resources of providence and grace; so that we can follow where He leads, with unwavering faith.

How often does some providence occur that is made the means of a powerful work of grace. In one part of Maine, nine churches united in asking me to assist them in a series of union meetings; but before I reached the place, death had taken one of the pastors, almost instantly, out of the world.

This pastor had drawn off the names of more than twenty persons whom he was going to seek at once to bring to the Saviour. One day, with these names in his pocket, he went to the post office and died before reaching his home again. The effect was so great upon his congregation and the community that it was necessary to commence meetings at once; and, when I reached the place, more than a hundred persons were anxious about their souls.

While I was holding a series of meetings in _____, N. Y., one evening a lady was passing near the church door, and one of the sisters asked her to come in, saying, "We are having good meetings here; quite a revival has commenced, and I would like to have you attend some of these interesting services."

The lady replied, "Do you think I would go into such a meeting—a revival meeting? No, never!"

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The notes went through the open door and reached her ear. She paused and said, "That sounds good."

The same sister who had invited her in before, again at the door, said, "Come in and hear more."

She replied, "I am too proud to sit down in a meeting-house, unless I can own a seat." The sister told her she might have their seat, which could be emptied for her at once. This was done, and the lady spent the rest of the evening in our meeting; her heart was deeply moved. Within one short week this lady and her husband were both rejoicing in a Saviour's love. Very soon both united with that church. So we see that God here blessed the songs of praise to the salvation of souls.

One of the greatest victories ever won by Jehovah was won by singing. "And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for His mercy endureth forever. And when they began to sing and praise, . . . [their enemies] were smitten" (II Chron. 20: 21, 22).

We find then, as in all ages, God blessed His people when they sung His praise.

I would urge all who desire to promote revivals of religion and to lead men to Jesus to have the best singing you can in all your meetings. Sing with life and spirit. God appointed singing and will bless it. Have faith in God.

How often we see a whole community moved by the power of a little prayer meeting. Peter was brought out of prison while the church was praying in the house of Mary, the mother of John. Let the "nothing wavering" prayer be offered, and it cannot fail.

Have faith in God when you pray, for He appointed these means to effect this end. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you;" but let it be done in faith.

III. God Has Always Blessed These Means, When They Have Been Used in Faith. None Ever Knew a Failure Except When Faith Was Lacking.

The walls of Jericho fell down after they had been compassed about in faith: yet I presume many of those who went round those walls, like many church members now, had no faith in God, but marched with those that had.

God honors all the faith He finds in His people. I would advise all to use what faith they have, for in this way faith grows—it is strengthened by use. Just as David's faith, after he had rescued the lamb from the mouth of the lion and the paw of the bear, became so strong he believed he could kill Goliath.

Naaman the Syrian went into the Jordan to wash seven times, with very great unbelief (yet he must have had a little faith, or he would not have gone at all); but, after the wonderful cure, he went home with strong faith. He found God's word reliable. God always blesses the use of the means He has appointed, when used in faith; and He blesses in proportion to the strength of our faith.

When Ezekiel preached to the dry bones, there was nothing remarkable in his sermon or manner of presenting the truth, but simply in his faith in God. His faith did not rest in any wonderful skill, or power in preaching, nor in any favorable appearances, but in God. He would do just what God directed him to do, knowing that God could not make a mistake, and that He was able to do just as He promised. So, standing up among the bones—dried, and bleached, and scattered as they were—Ezekiel began to cry, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! Dry bones, live! Dry bones, come together!" Power accompanied the means God appointed, and bone came to his fellow bone, and they were clothed with flesh and sinews. But the breath of life was not yet in them. Then followed prayer, or calling on the wind to blow upon the slain. The breath of life entered into them, and there stood upon

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long infested our district had been caught and punished.

2. In cases where little ones were slain, the mercy of God is even more conspicuous. The strong probability is that, in many cases, these poor little children, having the blood of their wicked parents in their veins, would, had they been allowed to live, have developed their parents' sins; but their early death saved them from a dreadful future, just as, in the last great plague that shook Egypt to its foundations, doubtless many of the firstborn were very young children and had so far no share in Egypt's rebellion against Israel's God. How many a mother, whose husband has been a drunkard or a gambler, has said, "I would rather follow my child to the grave than see him grow up like his father!" And who dare say that all these infants, thus mercifully cut off before they had reached the age of responsibility, were not taken to the bosom of Him who "gathers the lambs with his arm, and carries them in his bosom" (Isa. 40:11)?

3. But the most important thing of all to remember is, as we have already seen, that in nearly every case the words constitute not a command at all, but a most merciful prophetic warning, from Him who has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezek. 33:2), of the judgments which sinners were most certainly heaping up against themselves (Rom. 2:3-5). For there can be no doubt whatever

that had these gracious warnings been heeded, the predicted judgments might have been averted: as in the case of Nineveh, when "God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not" (Jonah 3:10). Indeed, the Almighty has laid it down most clearly that this is the principle upon which He deals with men: "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die: if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right . . . he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him . . ." (Ezek. 33:14-16). And I should like to ask those who say, ". . . The way of the Lord is not equal . . ." (Ezek. 33:17), whether it is not infinitely more merciful thus to warn sinners clearly and plainly concerning the inevitable consequences of sin, than it would be to allow them to rush blindly on to their doom unwarmed and unchecked?

Thus we see how Jehovah's great proclamation concerning Himself is fully justified even in His judgments: ". . . The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth" (Exod. 34:6).

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their feet an army of men. By this figure Ezekiel was shown how God saves sinners.

As Ezekiel went among those dry bones and preached to them, and called on the wind to blow upon them, and they lived, so Christians must go among wicked men, and preach and pray, and use the means God has appointed, in faith, and He will bless these means, and save souls, and build up His church.

Perhaps some one will ask why God does not bless the labors of all His ministers, alike, in the conversion of souls. It is because they do not expect it. They hope God will bless their labors; they pray Him to do it; they really desire it, but do not in faith, without wavering, expect it. Faith is as

necessary here as is fire to produce heat. Persons perish in the cold surrounded with good fuel, for the want of fire to kindle it;

so men can go down to death under the ablest presentation of truth, just for the want of faith in God on the part of the preacher and those that hear. So important is faith in God that Jesus said to the anxious around Him, "Only believe." "All things are possible to him that believeth."

Let me mention an incident or two that have greatly strengthened my faith. A few years ago, in a minister's conference, the text for criticism was, "Is not the set time to favor Zion come?" Among other questions raised, was this:

"Is it perfectly safe for a min-

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Faith

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ister to commence a series of meetings in a church or community where there are no indications of a revival of religion? Ought he to go to work expecting an immediate outpouring of the Spirit?" I had just begun, as it were, to believe God, and take Him at His word. And, with several others, said, "It is safe."

In a few days I commenced a series of meetings in a little church of about twenty members who were very cold and dead, and much divided—the only green spot being a little prayer-meeting, kept up by two or three sisters. I preached the first evening, and closed the meeting at eight o'clock. There was not one to speak or pray. I succeeded the next evening in getting one brother to say a few words, and closed again about eight o'clock, but said to the people, "We will go on with the meeting." All around looked dark, but to the eye of faith the darkness and the light are both alike.

The next morning I rode six miles to a minister's study to get him to pray with and for me. We both kneeled at the same chair and prayed, feeling and believing that faith in God could not be disappointed. I went back and said to that little church, "If you can just make out to board me, I will stay with you until God opens the windows of Heaven. God has promised to bless these means, and I believe He will." I trusted it all to Jesus, and went to work; and within ten days there were so many anxious souls that I met one hundred and fifty of them at a time at an inquiry meeting, while Christians were praying in another house of worship. A powerful work of grace followed, and I think several hundred souls were

led to Jesus. This greatly strengthened my faith in God.

On another occasion I commenced a meeting near Boston, and preached the first evening on this same subject—"Faith in God." We had a pleasant evening and a large assembly. Everything seemed favorable. I told the congregation that I believed we should have a great work, and they must provide seats for the aisles of the meeting-house.

The very next day a terrible snowstorm came on, so that we were shut out of the meeting-house and in our homes. For six successive days I preached in a private parlor at my boarding-place (which was only a few rods from the church) to ten or fifteen persons. This was a trial of my faith; yet I knew God was able to fulfill His promises, and I believed He would.

About the seventh day, the storm being over, we came together again in the meeting-house. On the first or second evening one hundred men and women came forward for prayer, deeply convicted. While they were shut up at home, the Spirit of God had been at work upon their hearts. God had given a voice to the howling winds, and moved the hearts of His people just as well as though they had gathered in His house. A great work followed, and many precious souls were brought to Jesus.

With these and many other tests of God's promises, I have come to believe and trust Him, so that I can follow where He leads.

Let me ask you all to go home from this meeting, to preach, and pray, and sing, and visit, in faith. Do all you can; speak to all of Jesus; but rely alone on God, asking and expecting great things.

The People who Lived Before Adam

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"Knot-holes in Noah's Ark," or "The Prophetic Meaning of the Whiskers on the Rough He-Goat of Daniel," and they go into convulsions of joy. But announce a message on soul-winning, or prayer, or giving a tenth of your income to God, and at once their jaw drops with delight, and they are ready to reach for their hats. Of course I do not refer to anyone in this audience; nevertheless I will ask the ushers during the next half hour to see that no one takes the wrong hat!

I am preaching this sermon by divine request. God commands us to go to the ant and learn. He tells us to consider the ways and wisdom of these interesting little people. He says, "Go to the ant... consider her ways, and be wise" (Prov. 6:6). That is what we shall do in this message. Because God commands it, I shall make this little people my subject, and preach a sermon on ants by divine request.

I. The Ants Are An Industrious People

God tells us to consider the ant because he is a tireless worker. His motto is work, and he is everlastingly at it. There are sometimes as many as thirty million ants in a colony, and with few exceptions they all work. Their are some large fierce ants, called soldier ants, and their duty is to

kill any ants that will not work. Some ant-hills are twelve feet high, tunneled with subterranean passages and laid out like a well organized city. Here the ants rear their young, and lay up food for the winter. Back and forth they go, foraging for food, carrying loads heavier than themselves, and working from daylight to dark.

The ants are never paid extra for overtime; yet they never go on strike. They evidently never heard of the A.F.L. or the C.I.O. Their favorite text is, "Be not weary in well doing," and their favorite hymn is, "Work for the night is coming." The ant is God's illustration of how to work.

Some of God's people would do well to study the industrious ant. There is plenty to do in every church, and the laborers are few. The cause of God suffers because of laziness among Christians. They will not stir themselves to witness, to go out after lost souls. They put their own comfort and ease before the work of God. They do nothing themselves, but often criticize those who do the work. They are not workers but shirkers, spiritual sluggards who are commanded to go to the ant and learn.

A friend of mine, walking along a country road, noticed something moving in the roadway. A closer look revealed a large dead grasshopper being dragged along by a tiny ant. This little fellow was puffing, panting, and fuming, and fretting as he tried to move a load ten or twenty times his own size. My friend was surprised to learn what one ant could do. But he was more surprised when a further look revealed two other ants having a free ride on the wings of the dead grasshopper at the expense of the hard-working little fellow underneath. Some of God's dear people are like that. They are hinderers, not helpers.

Ninety per cent of the work in some churches is done by ten per cent of the members.

I am preaching this sermon on ints to my own heart right now. When I see men like Lee Robertson, John R. Rice, and Dr. Bob Jones, each doing the work of five or six ordinary men, I stand rebuked. I long to be more like such men. Christian, let us work with

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When our dear brother, Evangelist John Linton, with a burr of auld Scotland in his voice and profound truth in his heart, lived in Wheaton, he occasionally came into the Sword of the Lord office waving a sermon manuscript which we had requested and saying, "Another shawt in the a-r-r-um for the Swor-r-r-d of the Lor-r-d!" He would explain that now the Sword of the Lord need not go out of business; we would get many new readers since he had a sermon prepared! We printed some blessed sermons by Brother Linton and have published the remarkable book of sermons, *Household Salvation*, \$1.50, a delight and a blessing to thousands.

Here comes another letter by Brother Linton. I will violate his confidence by publishing it here, knowing that you will delight in his humor, as we do. He says:

"With all respect to Billy Sunday, D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, C. H. Spurgeon, and all the other illustrious ancients, the time has come to put a new gleam on the blade, a needle-sharp edge on the point of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Hence the enclosed.

"People Before Adam—a thought to conjure with. What pastor won't read it with avidity, aye, and maybe preach it with a view to a salary raise? What deacon, scenting a heresy and shouting, 'Ha, ha,' as he smelleth the battle afar off, won't let his coffee become stone cold as he goes on a hunt for the preacher's scalp? What reader of THE SWORD will not at once sit down and write a cheque for a five year's subscription with such a sword-furbishing prospect in view? In other words, here's another of humble Linton's sermons.

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"Cordially,"
(Signed) John

You had certainly better read the sermon in this issue, "People Before Adam."

it is called day; the night cometh when no man can work.

II. The Ants Are a Purposeful People

Once the ant finds food, try to turn him aside. Let him find something sweet in a pantry and show me the housewife who can easily stop him. Every red light is a green light to an ant when he is on the way to business. His motto is, "This one thing I do," and having made up his mind to go ahead, it is hard to stop him.

Take the driver ants. As they journey in bands they come to the bank of a stream. If it is the dry season they walk across. If it is the rainy season and the stream is a flood, they do not stop. They just dig a tunnel down, then along under the river bed, and up again and on they go. They are a purposeful people.

God gave the ant this instinct as a lesson for man. God wants purposeful people. He wants His people. He wants His people to know what to do, and to do it, regardless of obstacles.

1. We Need Purpose in Prayer

We should purpose when to pray and stay with that purpose. Daniel purposed that he would pray three times a day on his knees, and refused to be turned aside from his purpose. Let no obstacle keep us from the place of prayer, and let not wandering thoughts or feeble desire keep us from praying through until God gives the answer, or the assurance of it. Keep on praying. Know what you want. Ask God for it. Keep on asking until God gives the answer.

A group of Christians in Toronto, Canada, prayed over a period of sixteen years for a revival until God finally sent one. A steadfast purpose proved the reality and strength of their desire. There

are so many obstacles to prayer in the world without, and from the flesh within, that we shall never prevail in prayer unless we have an unyielding, inflexible determination to pray.

A young lady in a church where I was pastor told me she had set certain times in the day when she should pray, but that sometimes when the time came she did not feel like praying. She wondered if it was not irreverent to approach God when she did not feel like praying. She asked if she should not wait until she was in the right frame of mind to pray. I said, "Kathleen, if you and I pray only when we feel like praying, it won't be long until we have ceased altogether to pray." When our heart is too cold to pray fervently, we should pray anyway, telling the Lord about our coldness of heart and lamenting it. It won't be very long before He melts and warms our heart.

Many a song would be unsung,

Many a sermon unprepared;

Many a harp would be unstrung,

*Many a joy would be unshared:
If feeling like it were the key
That moved the heart to minstrelsy.*

2. We Need Purpose in Giving.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give." Our giving should not be haphazard, but regular, systematic, and proportionate. The amount we give to God should not be determined by the whim of the moment, but by our purpose of mind and heart. Purpose means determination. Determine that you will give generously to God. Then fulfill your purpose even if it means sacrifice, and God will honor your purpose in giving.

3. We Need Purpose in Separation.

Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat" (Dan. 1:8). He made up his mind beforehand that he would maintain his separation.

And God was with Daniel. He will be with all His young people who are determined to shun the very appearance of evil. Unless young people are fortified with such a determination, they will fail when the test comes. Many a Christian girl has known it was wrong to marry an unbeliever, but just because she did not definitely purpose beforehand that she would never do so, she has yielded when the temptation came. I remind all young people before me of the abounding iniquity which causes the love of many to wax cold. Others are letting down the bars. See that you do not yield. Purpose in your heart that you will keep your garments unspotted from the world. Remember that the ants are a purposeful people. God wants us to be like them in this regard.

They are the very embodiment of determination, and that is why God tells us to consider their ways and be purposeful.

Dare to be a Daniel,

Dare to stand alone:

Dare to have a purpose firm,

And dare to make it known.

III. The Ants Are a Wise People

The ants are singled out by God for their wisdom. "They are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise."

The wisdom of the ants is proverbial. Some ant-hills are built on the model of a city with one-way streets and much of the complex organization of a modern city.

A professor in New York University has constructed a maze that would baffle most humans, but the ant finds its way to it through many blind alleys, seldom making the same mistake twice. "They are exceeding wise."

God's people should be wise in their own sphere as ants are wise in theirs. Again and again God commands us to be wise.

1. We Are to Be Wise in the Wisdom of God.

This wisdom is not worldly wisdom for "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." The wisdom of God is the knowledge of God Himself, our knowledge of His character, His will, His purpose in creating mankind, His program for the ages to come. This wisdom is found in and through God's Word. It is called "the hidden wisdom" because God has hidden it from the wise and prudent, the pseudo-philosophers of earth, and has revealed it to babes. That is why many a Christian, almost illiterate, has more wisdom than some of the world's greatest thinkers. That is an actual provable fact and the day will declare it. They are wise in the wisdom of God.

2. We Are to Be Wise in Our Understanding of the Times.

David was placed upon the throne of Israel by a group of men "that had understanding of the times" (I Chron. 12:32). Jesus rebuked the religious teachers of His day for their lack of such wisdom. He said, "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" The day in which we live is a day pregnant with meaning both for the church and the unbelieving world. Momentous events are shaping on the horizon. Are you familiar with God's program of future events? God commands us to be wise in such things.

3. We Are to Be Wise in Winning Souls.

"He that winneth souls is wise." Conversely he that does not win souls is not wise. I marvel when I see pastors and people spending all their time in what they call "church work" but neglecting the one main task for which God saved us—the winning of lost souls to Christ. A church that ministers only to its own saved members is a selfish institution and not a New Testament church.

I think just now of a fine church with a godly, gifted pastor; a large, well-fed (perhaps over-fed) congregation of Christians; a church organized up to the hilt, but with very little apparent concern for the lost in that community. In that church evangelism is a dead letter. God is still calling evangelists to do a work no pastor can ever do, but such churches reject the wisdom of God and keep their door closed to evangelists. Seldom are souls being saved in this otherwise splendid church, yet the members seem unaware of any lack.

Andrew Murray, speaking of such churches, said, "Just think what this dearth of conversions must mean to the Son of God! The conversion of sinners is the one object of His death of Calvary. He left the heavens to seek and to save the lost. He died, that being lifted up, He might draw all men unto Himself. He was exalted to give repentance and remission of sins. It is the object for which the Holy Spirit was given. It is the object for which the church was constituted His body; and it is the ONE object of His church's existence on earth. The measure of conversions is the exact index of its spiritual health, while a dearth of conversions is God's warning to the church that it is not fulfilling its purpose and is on the downward path. What must the Son of God think of such a result and response to His atoning death, and living, yearning love?"

IV. The Ants Are a People Who Provide For The Future

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official murder. They said the President was a murderer. Their attorney said, "I do not know what kind of animals I'm dealing with, but I know that they are animals." He said, "They live like animals." These blasphemous statements were made against America and against the President and against the court. A mob gathered at the funeral.

One of the shocking things is that on one occasion a petition, signed by fifteen hundred preachers, asked that these murderers be released, that they be pardoned, that they not be given the penalty that was theirs by law. That is a shocking thing.

Therefore it is proper and right that on an occasion like this I should preach to you on the death of these sinners. I have been preaching on such matters as "The Wages of Sin Is Death." I have been preaching on such matters as "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out." So I preach what the Bible has to say about the death penalty.

The History of the Atomic Spies

It will help if I read from the *Chicago Tribune* a little account of this matter so that you will see the historical background.

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meat in the summer." God gave the ant this instinct. They lay up in summer for the needs of the winter. Some of them never saw a winter, but they obey the instinct, and amid the present plenty they prepare for the future need.

Would to God men were as obedient to this instinct as the little ant. For God has given to every man a revelation of the future life. Man instinctively knows that it is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die. This universal instinct cannot be wrong. Why then do not men obey it?

God has enabled us to prepare for the future. He who said, "Prepare to meet thy God," has told us how to be prepared, and by the giving of His Son to be our Saviour, has Himself furnished the preparation. That man is prepared to meet God who has put his trust in the shed blood of God's dear Son. "And being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Oh, it is a sad thing, an eternally tragic thing to see a man made in the image of God, made to live forever, yet journeying toward the judgment throne with no adequate preparation for that hour.

"Pa," said a little boy as he climbed to his father's knee, and looked into his face as earnestly as if he understood the importance of the subject, "Pa, is your soul insured?"

"What are you thinking about, my son?" replied the agitated father. "Why do you ask that question?"

"Why, Pa, I heard Uncle George say that you had your house insured, and your life insured; but he didn't believe you had thought of your soul, and he was afraid you would lose it; won't you get it insured right away?"

The father leaned his head on his hand, and was silent. He owned broad acres of land that were covered with a bountiful produce; his barns were even now filled with plenty, his buildings were all well covered by insurance; and as if that would not suffice for the maintenance of his wife and only child in case of his decease, he had, the day before, taken a life-policy for a large amount; yet not one thought had he given to his own soul. On that which was to waste away and become part and parcel of its native dust he had spared no pains; but for that which was to live on and on through the long ages of eternity he had made no provision. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

'Have you ever read the poet Whittier's lines, "My Soul And I"? It is one of the saddest poems in all literature. Yet it is true of millions:

"The first arrest in this country in connection with the spy plot was that of Harry Gold, 39, a biochemist, in Philadelphia, May 23, 1950. (Three years ago.) He confessed he had been a courier for the Communists and in that capacity had received secret data from Dr. Fuchs (the English scientist who sold out to the Russians) at Santa Fe, N. M., in 1945. Gold said another person who gave him atomic bomb information was David Greenglass, an army sergeant stationed at the atomic project at Los Alamos, N. M. (where they have the trial ground, the proving ground for atomic bombs.)

"Gold also put the finger on Anatoli Yakovlev, Russian vice consul in New York City, describing Yakovlev as the boss of the atomic spy ring, the man who gave orders, supplied money, and was the ultimate recipient of all documents and information for transmission to Russia. Yakovlev was safe behind the iron curtain when American authorities got this information, but the FBI moved rapidly against Greenglass. He was seized in New York City on June 16, 1953.

"The arrest of Greenglass led directly to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. Greenglass was a brother-in-law of Rosenberg and a brother of Ethel. Greenglass readily admitted his spy activities, stating the Rosenbergs had recruited him into the spy ring. Julius was arrested the following July 17, (that is 1950, three years ago) and Ethel on Aug. 11.

"Trial of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, 34, another conspirator, got under way March 7, 1951, before Judge Kaufman and a jury of 12 men and one woman. By that time Gold had pleaded guilty and received a 30-year sentence. Greenglass had also pleaded guilty, but had not been sentenced.

"The specific charge against the Rosenbergs was conspiracy to commit espionage in World War II and supply atom data to Russia. The chief government witnesses were Greenglass and his wife, Ruth, who was named as a co-conspirator, but was not a defendant.

"Mrs. Greenglass said that she was planning to go from New York to Los Alamos in November, 1944, and that the Rosenbergs gave her \$150 for part of her expenses, asking her in return to persuade her husband to supply them with atomic bomb data for Russia. She broached the subject to Greenglass, she said, and got his agreement to serve as a spy thru the Rosenbergs.

"Greenglass said he and his wife (Greenglass, now, was the brother of Ethel Rosenberg) visited the Rosenbergs in their New York apartment when he got a furlough in January, 1945. Greenglass said Rosenberg asked for specific details on the bomb and that he thereupon wrote out a description, accompanied by sketches. The next day, he said, Mrs. Rosenberg typed up the data for delivery to Yakovlev (the Russian ambassador).

"The Rosenbergs told Greenglass a courier would get in touch with him at Los Alamos for further data, he said. They cut a Jello box top into halves with jagged edges and gave him one of the pieces, explaining the courier would identify himself to Greenglass by producing the matching half.

"Sure enough, Greenglass said, a courier showed up in Los Alamos with the identifying cardboard. It was Harry Gold. Later in the trial Gold took the stand as a government witness to corroborate all phases of Greenglass' testimony relating to him.

"After the arrest of Fuchs and Gold, Greenglass said, Rosenberg urged him and his wife to leave the country and gave him detailed instructions for a flight by way of Mexico and Sweden, with help from Russian ambassadors en route. He accepted \$5,000 escape expense money from Rosenberg, he said, but was still in New York when the FBI nabbed him.

"The Rosenbergs took the stand in their own defense, denying all accusations of spy activity. They never asked Greenglass for atomic data and never got any from him, they said. But Rosenberg pleaded possible self-incrimination in refusing to answer questions about past or present Communist party membership."

(He would not answer whether he was a member of the Communist party saying that to do so might incriminate him. That is, if he lied about it, he would be guilty of perjury. If he admitted he was a member, why that, of course, would incriminate him. So he said he would not answer.)

"On March 29, 1951, the jury found them guilty. A week later Judge Kaufman sentenced the Rosenbergs to death and gave Sobell 30 years. The next day he sentenced Greenglass to 15 years, expressing hope that . . ."

(. . . he, this army sergeant who had confessed his sin, who

had identified the Rosenbergs, who had given exact data enough to convince the jury beyond any peradventure of doubt that these had actually obtained the data, that they had bribed them, that they had given them escape money, that they had given them \$5,000 to escape with, that they had gotten them in touch with Russian ambassadors in several countries to go by Mexico and Sweden to get away. He was given a 15-year sentence, the judge expressing hope that)

" . . . his leniency might induce other spies to cooperate with the government.

"The Judge told the Rosenbergs he thought their conduct in putting the atomic bomb into the hands of the Russians was responsible for the communist aggression in Korea.

"Your crime is worse than murder," he said. "Indeed by your betrayal, you undoubtedly have altered the course of history to the disadvantage of our country."

Now I have the record here but of all the court appeals, the different courts and finally to the Supreme Court, then a final stay of execution by the rather liberal Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Douglas, who was of course appointed by socialist Truman. (I wonder if all you Southern Democrats are proud of Truman and the socialist, New Deal crowd?) I am saying that Justice Douglas gave a stay of execution. But the Supreme Court was immediately assembled and voted down the stay of execution. And after one more day, last Friday evening, just before sundown, in New York City at Sing Sing Prison, these two spies, Julius Rosenberg and his wife Ethel were led, one at a time, to the electric chair. They were strapped in and an electrode was fitted down on the head and buckled down with a helmet over it, then to the calf of the leg another electrode was buckled down and the electricity was turned on, and each of them died in retribution for their sin against humanity and against the government.

I. The Bible Background on the Rosenberg Case

Now, there are some things to be said. Very prayerfully consider that thousands of people have taken the side of these criminals. It is a shocking revelation about the people of the United States, that preachers and church people and others hounded the government. It cost the government \$150,000 finally to try these traitors, imprison them, then answer all the questions and finally bring them to Sing Sing Prison, hold them there, then finally to put them to death. That cost the government \$150,000, with the opposition of people who ought to have been for the government; the socialist crowd, much of the New Deal crowd, the left-wing crowd, the pro-communist crowd, the modernist preacher crowd, the infidel crowd. That is the same crowd that is against the constitution and against Christianity and against the Bible. They fought all the time to turn these spies, these traitors, these murderers loose. They called it official murder. They said the President was a murderer. They said the Rosenbergs ought to have been pardoned, or their sentence commuted.

Now what does the Bible say on this question? You ask why I preach on matters such as this. Because here is a very definite Bible problem. I want to give the Bible background for the electrocution of these spies.

1. America Was Founded on a Christian Basis

First, the government in America was founded by God-fearing men, on Christian principles. That is good for us to know. The government in America, our Constitution, our laws, our principles of government, were established on the Bible. Recently many people have tried to get away from it, but this country was founded primarily by God-fearing Bible-believing people. True, this country was founded on the basis that the government is separate from the church and that nobody is to be compelled to be a Christian; nor on matters of conscience and religion can anybody be compelled to serve God or not serve God, to

be baptized or not baptized, either to join a church or not join a church, either to pay the preacher or not pay the preacher. I say, nobody can be compelled by government in matters of religion. Yet in America this government was established on the basis that there is a God in Heaven, that the government ought to recognize God and be the agent of Almighty God, that the laws of the nation ought to be based on the Bible. The glory of America and the success and freedom and prosperity of America are largely because we have a government originally founded on the Bible and on the belief in God and the Christian religion.

There are several indications. In the first place, when the war of Revolution was going on, the men who led were generally the most devout and godly. There were some exceptions. One was Tom Paine, who was useful in the revolution but an infidel. He was an exception. George Washington was a most devout and earnest man; I have reason to believe he was a good Christian. Whether he understood so he could tell you plainly how to be born again or not, I do not know. I do know he was an active church member, a Bible-reading, praying church member. When the War of the Revolution was on, and Washington was general for the American colonies, when he had too few soldiers, when he did not have shoes for their feet, when their bare feet made bloody tracks in the snow, when they were shut up in the edge of Pennsylvania, in Valley Forge, and didn't have much to eat and there were critics on every side and some soldiers deserting, George Washington used to go out, kneel down in the snow and pray to Almighty God. And God heard Washington.

You may remember that Benjamin Franklin started out as a free-thinker. If you read his biography, which I have enjoyed with a very great relish, you will find Benjamin Franklin came to be a very devout Bible-believer, a very devout man who believed there was a God who answered prayer and that we ought to pattern our laws after the rules and morals and standards of the Bible.

Representatives of the Thirteen Colonies came together to form the Constitution. At the constitutional convention they wrangled. There were thirteen colonies and Virginia said, "We're not going to give up any of our rights." New York said, "We're not going to give up any of our rights." So there was a great deal of wrangling and arguing for weeks. Long weeks followed weeks and they couldn't get things settled. The people couldn't agree on a constitution. Benjamin Franklin arose and said in effect, "Gentlemen, if we expect the blessing of high Heaven upon our nation, we sin in not stopping and asking God for wisdom. Let's ask God to give us wisdom to make a constitution for the colonies." They stopped and had public prayer. Then God put their hearts together and we have a great Constitution, recognized around the world as a model of political sagacity, of moral integrity, protecting the rights of the people, a well-balanced government that has lasted these long years and, under the American free enterprise system of government by the people, brought the greatest freedom and the greatest prosperity that any nation on the earth has ever had.

I say that is surely the result of prayer and the leadership of God on men who believed the Bible and set out to honor God. That meant these colonies, and then the government, and then the first President, George Washington, honored God. It was a customary matter for Congress to open with prayer. It was decided that they would never have a meeting of the Senate, nor a meeting of the House of Congress without a chaplain leading in prayer. They believed in God. So now we have such chaplains. It was decided that in the Army and in the Navy every major unit will have a chaplain to preach the Gospel. These days people want chaplains to do much more than preach; but originally chaplains were to preach the Gospel, to give spiritual counsel, to win people to Christ.

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scientious objector, as you will see as you listen to what the Bible says. I'm not going by what you say; I'm going by what the Bible says, what God says.

"Wherefore ye must needs be subject . . ."

Here is a man drafted into the army. He must go defend his country. "Oh," he says, "I can't. I'm a conscientious objector." No, no. If you are a Bible kind of Christian, your conscience is on the other side. Listen, "you must needs be subject, not only for wrath . . ." not only because you may go to jail if you disobey the draft summons, "but also for conscience sake." Your conscience must be on the side of the minister of God and the powers that are ordained of God and the rulers that represent God. A man for conscience' sake must be in obedience to the government ordained of God.

That boy there has on an Army uniform. I wore one in World War I. Sure, he is a good soldier. Listen:

"Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake."

"For conscience sake." You obey Almighty God when you obey the government, and a man ought to do it. It is true some honest, good men are "conscientious objectors" to Army duty, but their consciences need to get enlightened and get on the other side.

Somebody says, "Well, I don't like it." Listen: We had better come to the principle back of this. Authority! It ends up that the people who are against authority these days are also against the authority of the government. Then they are against the authority of parents to make their children mind. Then they are against the authority of a prophet of God to proclaim the Word of God. Then they are against the authority of the Bible itself and say it is a relic, and not all the Word of God. And then they are against the authority of Jesus Christ and would make Him only a fallible man, not God incarnate. They are against all authorities.

But the authority of the government, the powers that be, are ordained of God. The officer of government is a minister of God to thee for good. He bears not the sword in vain. He is a revenger of wrath for God, the Bible says. The government had a right to proclaim the death penalty for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and put them in the electric chair and pull the switch and sear out their lives with electricity. That is what the hand of Almighty God did in sending the judgment and we ought to back it up. And it is an abomination that fifteen hundred preachers said that sin should not be punished and that we should join the socialists and the Communists in asking that they turn those people loose. I say it is a disgrace to the church and religion that fifteen hundred preachers had no enlightened conscience, had no principle, had no Bible background evidently, and so they were against the execution of the law in this case.

All right. I am just saying there is a Bible background for the law ordering execution.

4. The Bible Commands the Death Penalty for Murder and Some Other Crimes

Again, another Bible principle in this matter is that God commands the death penalty for certain crimes, particularly for murder. In this case the Rosenbergs were not immediately guilty of murder but potentially they were. I have no doubt that of the 33,000 American soldiers killed in Korea or missing in action, many of them and possibly all of them were murdered by Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and others like them who stole the atomic secrets and gave them to Russia. There might never have been a war. It is very likely Russia and China would never have gone into it. They were awed by the fact that we had the bomb they didn't have. If we could have kept it so, probably there would have been no Korean War. I say, they were murderers, then. They were traitors. They were potentially mur-

derers of millions. And President Eisenhower well said, ". . . I can only say that, by immeasurably increasing the chances of atomic war, the Rosenbergs may have condemned to death tens of millions of innocent people all over the world." I am saying they are potentially murderers.

Now what does the Bible say should happen to murderers? The first the Bible has to say about human government is in Genesis chapter 9, just after the flood. As far as we know, the only government before the flood was family government. Now then in Genesis 9, begin at verse 5.

"And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."

Now listen. God says, "I'm going to require this. If a beast kills a man, you kill the beast. If a man kills a man, you kill the man." Here is a plain command—the death penalty must follow murder. That was before the Mosaic law was given, a fundamental moral law given right after the flood.

Now let's come to the Ten Commandments, in Exodus, chapter 20, on through to the 21st chapter of Exodus. This is the Mosaic law for Israel. We read in Exodus 21, verses 12 to 16,

"He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death. And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee. But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die."

There is a difference, the Bible says, in first degree murder and second degree murder and manslaughter. That is a Bible difference. That's why there is a legal difference in America; because there is a fundamental Biblical difference in that. If a man kills in cold blooded, planned murder it is not the same as if a man got into a fist fight and knocked a fellow down and his head hit the curbing and he died. Then a man is guilty, but he is not as guilty as if he had planned to kill the victim. There is a difference. Now listen.

"And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death. And he that stealeth a man and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death."

Notice verse 12: "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death." If you are ever on a jury and there comes a clear case of murder, what are you to vote for? For the death penalty. You are to send him to the chair for that, or the hangman's noose, or the gas chamber. You are to see that he goes to his death. You are not a good Christian, you don't believe in the Bible plan if you are not for the death penalty for murder.

A fundamental doctrine of the Bible is that what people sow, they should reap. If a man murders, he should be killed, executed by the government. That is a Biblical plan. And if you are not for that, there is something fundamentally wrong with your moral sense of right and wrong. That is a fundamental of the Bible. Our present law of the death penalty for murder is based on the Bible.

Someone says, "But, Brother Rice, what about the Ten Commandments that say, 'Thou shalt not kill'?" Well, there are several words for killing in English. It happens that word has a particular meaning. Now suppose you say "We kill hogs." What will you call it? You'd say we slaughter, wouldn't you? Well, does that necessarily mean the same as murder? No. But it is a word for killing. Suppose in war an army goes out in defense. You can say that the enemy was annihilated. The enemy was just shot down until the whole army of opponents

that kept coming was annihilated. That means killed. But does it mean murdered? No, it may mean legitimate defense and by order of the government as the agent of God. It may be exactly the same as when a gunman comes along and tries to hold up a bank and the police tries to arrest him and he gets killed. You don't say the policeman is guilty of murder. He was acting for Almighty God. There are several words. You could say *kill* is one word, assassinate is a word for political killing, and there are other words for killing of animals, etc.

But listen. The word here in the Ten Commandments is the word for murder which means individual hatred and an individual taking the law in his own hands. The Bible literally says, "Thou shalt do no murder." It does not say one is not to act for God as a policeman or an executioner. It does not say one is not to act for God as a soldier. It does not say that you are not to obey the Bible on seeing that the murderer comes to the death penalty. Now, you see, the matter of an individual who sets out, from his own hate, to kill somebody for spite and hate—that is murder and is forbidden. But to bring criminals to justice is not murder. It is right. And one who obeys can expect God's blessings.

5. Forgiveness Does Not Mean Letting Crime Go Unpunished

"Oh," somebody says, "but I think we ought to forgive people who do wrong." Yes, that may well be! That may well be!

Not very long ago little Pete, Bill Rice's boy, eight years old, was in church. It is awfully hard for a preacher's boy to keep in awe about the preaching and the singing when he goes to church all the time. Pete sings like a little angel, but he isn't all angel. If he appears as an angel, you'll see a halo propped up on something artificially, because it isn't quite natural for Pete to wear halos! So the other day Bill was in the service and he looked up just in time to see his son Pete punch another boy hard. Pete saw that his dad saw him. He was a good deal disturbed about it. After the service he came to his dad and said, "Dad, listen. I forgot. I sure am sorry. I ought not to have done that, Dad." His dad didn't say much. Pete said, "Dad, listen. I'd like to pray about it. I'd be glad to pray about it."

Bill said, "Well, look here, Son. That will be fine. When I get done with you, you will feel like praying more than you do now."

Now what I'm saying is that I believe in kindness and love, but in still doing right in punishing sin. Do you think that rabbi who led the way to the electric chair hated Julius Rosenberg? No, no. Do you think that man who pulled the switch as his duty did it from hate? No, no. He may have loved him. That matron who went with Ethel Rosenberg—Ethel Rosenberg loved her and turned and kissed her—but the matron has her pay for that and spends her life as prison matron, and she must believe it is right. Did you think she hated the woman? Oh, no, but she was for it because it was right. Yet she loved the wicked, traitorous woman and kissed her before she died.

I'm not saying that you ought to have hate in your heart. I think you should pray for people. You may love your children; but you had better whip them good when they do wrong just the same, because it is right. You may love sinners but you had better preach Hell fire and judgment because they are coming to it. If you love them, you had still better do right. And you can love a criminal and pray for him. Thank God, I have gone behind the bars. I have found lots of these sissified, these nice, pious, first church people where I go, Brother Smith, who do not like my plain preaching. But I'll tell you now, when I go behind the bars to the drunks and the criminals and the down-and-outs, when I go to a rescue mission, that gang understands what I am talking about. They sit up and take notice at my kind of preaching. And I go. Thank God, I have been able to talk to many a man in a death cell about his soul. Some I have won to Christ. But, brother, listen! That didn't mean that I didn't want

God's will to be carried out and the proper punishment given. I think of thousands of others that must be protected. I have thought of the poor and innocent that will be murdered and abused and ruined if this country is overrun by the criminals. So I say I am for the death penalty, even though I may love and pray for the man who is guilty and goes to the chair.

Forgiveness, yes! But forgiveness still does not make it right to let sin get by. Sin has to be punished.

6. God Has a Divine Rule That Sin Must Be Punished

Now that is another principle here involved. The Bible says sin must be punished. In Genesis the Lord said to Adam and Eve, "The day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." You're going to die when you eat of this forbidden fruit, says the Lord. And die they did, and brought that curse of spiritual death and physical death on the whole race, because of their sin.

In Numbers 32:23 the two and a half tribes said, "We don't want to go over Jordan. We want to stay over here on this prairie country, this ranch land for our cattle. We want to stay here."

But Moses said, "But we need your armed men to go over and take the land."

They said, "We'll send them. We'll send the armies before you, and our wives and our cattle and our little ones, let's keep here. We'll send armed services over to help you." And Moses said, "If you do that, well and good. But if ye will not do so, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out." The Bible says you can't sin and get by.

In Ezekiel several times we come to these words, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

In Romans 6:23 it is said in these words, "For the wages of sin is death."

In Galatians 6:7 and 8 it is in these words, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

In Proverbs 29 the Bible says, "He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed." God says sin

has to be punished. You can't get by with sin. Men can't get by with sin and we had better preach that. That is a fundamental of the Bible. That is why you had better make your children mind. That is why you had better whip them. "Oh," you say, "I love my children." No, you love your own ease. You just don't have enough integrity and manhood and convictions to stand up and do right about it. You don't love your children. If you loved your children, you wouldn't want them to turn out to be drunkards, gamblers, and harlots. You wouldn't want them to land in jail. You would want to whip them and make them do right and have peace of mind about it. No, you don't love your children. You love your own ease. You don't hate sin, you know, so you don't want to punish sin. We had better whip our children and make them do right. Thank God, they will rise up and call us blessed, and thank us for it some day.

Then there is another thing. You preachers, listen to me. No man is going to love God much if he doesn't hate sin. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil." That's right. If you don't hate evil, you are not a good Christian. A preacher has to be against sin if he is for God! I do not believe in the integrity of any preacher who doesn't crack down on sin.

My wife said to me the other day about a certain preacher, "He's a sweet thing." I said, "Yes, but God doesn't say a preacher is to be sweet." The Bible says,

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Remember, we are asking Christian friends to pray for us. We are going to make this year the most victorious year we have ever had. As we have told you before, it is our opinion that the next ten years are going to be trying days for all Christians. The devil is going to attack all Christian programs. Bob Jones University is not going to surrender to any of the subtle satanic attacks that are being made. We want you Christian people to pray for us as you have never prayed before—for Bob, Jr., and all the executives here, as well as for our students and faculty. We are going to keep this institution as it has been—a base of old-time, orthodox, evangelical testimony—as long as this government holds together. We have hedged it about with the protection of law, so it can be closed if it ever fails. We want you folks to hedge the institution about with the spirit and power of prayer. Pray regularly and often for the school. God called this school into existence, and we are going to be true to the trust. We are asking you Christian people to invest some of God's money in the Student Loan Endowment and Missionary Fund. Remember, half of the money you send in for this Fund will be used to help students who are not able to pay all of their expenses, and the other half will be used to get the Gospel out on the mission fields of the world. We thank you for what you have already done, and we believe God is going to lead you to keep on helping us.

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"Preach the Word." The Bible says, "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear" (I Tim. 5:20). Paul wasn't a sweet preacher. Paul wasn't a sweet preacher when he said, "Thou child of the devil" over Sergius Paulus to Elymas the sorcerer. "Thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" And he struck Elymas blind.

You know, Stephen wasn't a sweet preacher when he said, "Ye . . . uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." They hated him, gnashed on him with their teeth, dragged him out of the city and beat his brain out with stones. He wasn't a sweet preacher. We don't need sweet preachers. We need honest preachers. We need preachers who represent Almighty God. You say, "But God is love." That is just one half. The other half is, "Our God is a consuming fire."

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world. . ." Yes, and John 3:36 says, "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Why don't you preach it all? It is the whole thing there. We had better come back in this country to Hell fire, damnation preaching. We had better preach that you can't get by with drunkenness, you can't get by with gambling, you can't get by with cussing, you can't get by with sin. God won't let you get by.

Listen to me. We can do more to stop modernism in this country by preaching against sin in the power of the Holy Ghost than we can by arguing. Don't misunderstand me. I'm for arguing when necessary. But I think if you do enough of this old-fashioned, Hell-fire and damnation preaching with the power of the Holy Ghost till men shudder and tremble like Felix before Paul and can't sleep at night and repent of their sin—if you do enough of that, brother, somebody is going to get the idea that there is something to this dynamite of God—the Gospel. We had better come back and preach against sin. There is a fundamental Bible doctrine that sin must be punished.

If you are not for punishment of sin, you aren't for God. You are not for the Bible. We had better come back and preach that. And that means that sinners go to Hell. That means you can't get by. You are going to burn in Hell if you don't repent of your sins. That means you are going to turn from your sins or you are going to meet God in wrath and judgment and torment. We had better preach that. That is in the Bible.

II. Lessons From Death of the Atom Spies

Now I want to call your attention briefly to some lessons. There are some lessons from this death of the atom spies.

1. Your Sin Will Find You Out, too!

First of all, your sin will find you out, too. You know it was two long years. They tried every device. The crooks, the socialists, some of the New Dealers, the communists, the communist *Daily Worker* magazine, raised the money, thousands and thousands of dollars. They had lawyers' fees. They had almost everything that could defeat justice in America. They had bribery, they had spies, they had appeals, even to the pope. They stirred up communists in France and in Italy, besieged with thousands of letters the pope until finally the pope commanded his apostolic delegate in Washington to report it to the President of the United States that he had demands from all over the world to appeal to the President to commute the sentence of these spies. They had the pressure. They had the favor of men. They had all money could buy. They had all the crooks and turns of the socialists and the communists and the New Dealers. But listen. At long last, their sin caught up with them and yours will catch up with you.

You think you are getting by.

Up yonder in a little town close to Wheaton the other day, a man led in the anti-crime committee of his town, one of the best known citizens. He owned a good business. He was a responsible citizen. His wife applied for a job for the government. But these days they are checking up on communists and crooks pretty well, and so they began to ask every kind of question. They had her fingerprints. They called in her husband and wanted his fingerprints. They wanted to know whether he had been a member of the communist party, whether he had ever been in jail. They wanted to find all the relevant facts before they put this woman in a responsible government position. When they got his fingerprints, they checked them. He was an escaped convict. He had been sentenced twice, once escaped and then again escaped. Then he had settled down. He finally met a good woman, married, settled down, but that was hanging over him. And the other day the FBI walked in, arrested him, proved he was the escaped convict, and put him in jail.

Now listen. Sin catches up with you. You can't get by with it. Your sin will find you out. You can put it down, brother; your sin will find you out.

Oh, David, David, David! He found it out. Your sin, David, will find you out. In your face, in your body, in your conscience, in your children. It will face you now when you have sinned. It will face you at the judgment when God's books are opened. It will face you in the torments of Hell. You can't get by with sin.

2. Then Preachers Must Preach Against Sin

You know, preachers, if you want to know what it takes to make a Bible kind of preacher, one-half of it is preaching against sin so that sin hurts and burns and damns; then preach the blood of Jesus that can save a sinner. That's the other half of it. The two parts we are to preach are repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We need to preach it. I say, sin will catch up with you. Oh, sinner, sinner! Some of you church people listen. I don't care if you are saved. You are the apple of God's eye. You are bought with the precious blood. But God won't let you get by with sin. You can't get by with sin.

I heard Dr. Bob Jones say one time, and it impressed me greatly, "I think God would kick every angel of Heaven into Hell and lock the pearly gates forever before God would do wrong." God is not going to take up for sin.

Preachers, you hear me. If God has to take up for sin in order to let you win souls, He will let souls go to Hell first. God is not going to be crooked to help you have revivals. God is not going to be crooked and take up for your sin and identify Himself with your meanness. If you don't repent of your sin, turn your back on sin, you can't expect the continued blessing of God. Sin comes to judgment. There is a divine law of sowing and reaping. What you sow, you are going to reap. If you sow to the wind, you will reap the whirlwind.

What do you suppose Julius and Ethel Rosenberg thought when they were found out? Oh, they thought, "We will get away," but they didn't. And then they thought, "Oh, we'll bring the pressure. We've got contacts throughout all the country. We've got people on our side." They thought they could do it. But how do you suppose they felt the other day when the last half day came and they were notified, "Just before sundown tonight you are going to die," and they stood and talked to each other for four hours through a screen? What do you suppose they thought? Well, maybe they thought still, "There will come another stay. We've had it stopped now twelve times before for two years. Maybe," they thought, "again." But one day all hopes fail. One day then there is no respite. One day the ax of judgment falls at the root of the tree of sin. And it will be that

way for you. Sin gets its own reward. Sooner or later your sin finds you out.

3. A Loving God Lets Sinners Go to Hell

You say, "A loving God?" God will let a sinner go to Hell. You say, "A loving God?" But a loving God lets sin catch up with the Rosenbergs. You say, "I don't believe a loving God will let a sinner go to Hell." You don't? Well, He sure lets sinners get in trouble in this world. It is the same God who runs things in the next world who runs things here. When a man drinks and drinks, God lets sin break his body. Here when a man plays the fool, God lets his body rot with venereal disease and lets his happy home be broken. Here when a man goes on in sin, He lets his body be enslaved, his conscience and will enslaved, and lets him languish behind bars, or, like the Rosenbergs, lets him go to the electric chair. If the same God handles things in the next world, then sin is not going to turn out right. Sin is not going to turn out well. God does bring sin to judgment; so God will send sinners to Hell, Christ-rejecting, impenitent sinners.

4. Delay Means Eternal Doom

Another lesson is that these people had a chance. Did you know the Rosenbergs need not have died? They said, "We are innocent." But Ethel Rosenberg's own mother said that she and her husband were the ones who led them into it. And they said, "They gave me so much money." And then she said, "There's another man who knows it." And they called Gold and he was on the stand and he said, "It is true in every detail," and gave the date and gave the amounts of money and gave the details and gave the proof. That convinced every one of the men on the jury and that one woman that it was true. So the government said, "Oh, but wait. If they will confess and tell who the other spies are and that espionage ring of Russian agents, if they ever reveal those, we will commute their sentence to life imprisonment." But no, perhaps they thought to confess later. At least they stubbornly went on. That's like somebody who keeps on saying, "I'm going to be saved, but not yet, not yet."

Dr. George W. Truett said that in his boyhood in North Carolina, a revival was in progress in the little country church. He said he had a boyhood friend who attended. One night in the service he said to this friend, "You ought to go, Jim. You ought to go." But Jim answered, "Not tonight, George."

Dr. Truett said he pleaded with him but he would not go, but said, "Not tonight, George. But I will do it tomorrow night. I promise you I will go tomorrow night."

The next night the boy was not in church. Young Truett was strangely troubled. He went by to see his friend and found the boy very sick. As I remember the story, the next day he also went by and found the boy with quick pneumonia, and at death's door. He was in a delirium. Young George Truett begged to see the boy. They let him in. He came in by the bed and the delirious young fellow held out his hand and kept saying, "Not tonight, George! Not tonight. Not tonight, George!" And he died saying, "Not tonight, George!"

He missed his chance.

These people could have had mercy. They didn't ask for it. They didn't repent, but held on to their sin, and died in their sins. Isn't that strange? Enslaved by it until after a while pride and the pressure of communist friends and embarrassment, kept them from saying, "Yes, I lied to you. I was guilty. I will confess the whole thing. I will tell you who was in it. I'll take the side of the government." They didn't say that. They had their chance, but they didn't take it.

5. How Wicked the Ingratitude of Christ-Rejecting Sinners!

Another word, and that is thus. The wicked ingratitude of these atom spies is like the ingratitude of a Christ-rejecting man who lives in God's world. They lived in America. Their parents came from Russia. If they had stayed

in Russia, they would have been poor. They would have had no luxuries and only the most ordinary comforts, barely the absolute necessities of life. Why they wouldn't have one tenth the pay they got in America, and no freedom, and they would have to have a ration card to live. But they came to America with their parents. Now they had a chance and they scorned it, mocked it, betrayed it with the basest ingratitude. These people went around and acted like decent citizens, but in their hearts were vipers, criminals, enemies of society.

That is like the ingratitude of a sinner. He knows there is a God. He lives in God's world. He hears the Gospel, but he doesn't care. "Yes, I know Jesus died for me, but he scoffs at it and puts it aside. The wicked ingratitude of a man who has God's sunshine, breathes God's air, drinks God's water, eats God's food, has the blessing of a good woman's love and little children given to him, freedom in this country, a chance to work, a strong body and all that, and a heart that ought to repent and turn to Christ; yet with wicked ingratitude he goes his way, scorns God, and ignores the offered mercy. The wickedness of a poor Christ-rejecting sinner is like these ungrateful ones, these criminals, these traitors against society, the atom spies. They were like every poor sinner who turns down Jesus Christ. You poor old sinner, you ought to be in Hell, and you soon will be, if you don't repent. It is turn or burn.

But I thank God I have a good word to say to you. Oh, if I could have said it, if somehow it could have been so I could have said it to Julius Rosenberg! I guess he wouldn't have heard it, he had many chances to repent and he wouldn't. I wish I could have told him that Jesus died for him. I wish I could have told him; maybe somebody did, the chaplain or somebody else did tell him. I wish I could have told him, "You can be saved. Here is good news. Jesus Christ died to take the sinner's place. If you will repent today you will be forgiven, you may this moment have life everlasting, if you turn from your sin now, in honest heart repentance, and trust Jesus Christ to save you. Will you do it? If you will do it now, with all your heart, sign the decision blank below, copy it in a letter, and mail to me today.

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